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Another action quarter packed has quickly passed. It was highlighted by the arrival of Patricia Green, our new plans officer. We welcome Pat to the battalion for the second time as she was previously assigned here from 98-99 as a green suitor. We also welcome SSG Holley who is taking over the NBC and training positions within the battalion. With the hails, we also have the farewells as SFC Bell (Plans), SSG Lewis (training and NBC) and SSG Colbert (CDS) are PCSing to Fort MacPherson. All NCOs have done a good job for the battalion and we wish them good luck and God speed in their next assignments.

Much of the quarter was spent planning the deployment and redeployment for exercises Freedom Banner 06 (Mokpo) and RSOI 06 (Pohang). Significant in Mokpo is that this is our 4th and 5th mission there in the last 8 months. Also important is the fact that we coordinated an ammunition event waiver for the MPS vessel the SS Pless as it has 750,000 lbs NEW on board. Additionally, we executed 6 trains for the deployment and redeployment from Daebul rail station which was a first for us, the Marines, the station and the theater. We took the lead on all C2, provided the rail spanners, blocking and bracing and tie down materials for the Marines to en-

sure overall success. A job well done for both DDST missions!

Hialeah closure is looming with the 15 July 06 date just around the corner. With M16 ammunition and weapons turned in already and the loss of the remaining KATUSAs over the next month we are adjusting accordingly in all areas. We are working closely with Area IV to establish the movement timeline of our HQs element to Daegu in the near future. We are awaiting all the changes in residual support for the remaining Busan Base cluster units as well as ourselves.

This is my last Pier talk while I'm still in command. Though I will write a farewell article, I will use this time to say thank you to the Battalion Command and Staff. It has been an absolute honor



LTC Kramer presents SFC Bell the ARCOM at the unit's monthly awards presentation ceremony.

and privilege to command the Kargo Kings. I'm very proud of all the collective accomplishments of the battalion over the last two years. You certainly all live up to the Kargo King reputation as being SDDC's finest. Bring it on!

LTC Richard J. Kramer
Commander, 837th Trans Bn

XO'S CORNER

Winter is Over

As we leave the winter doldrums behind, we can look back on another successful quarter of training, operations, planning and personnel accolades. First and foremost, I'd like to congratulate Mr. Han, CDS, for winning the base system 599th Transportation Group semi-annual Outstanding Employee Award for his outstanding perform-

ance and dedication to the battalion and SDDC.

As with other quarters, the OPTEMPO continued to be fast-paced with support at Mokpo and Pohang for cargo entering the theater in support of the RSOI Combined Post Exercise (CPX). Two DDSTs were simultaneously deployed at both ports to conduct discharge operations. Military and civilian



MAJ Draper (right) administers the oath of reenlistment to SSG Colbert.

personnel all performed flawlessly to ensure the missions were completed to standard and without accident or injury to cargo or personnel.

I would like to say welcome to Ms. Pat Green who arrives at the battalion as the new Plans Officer. She comes highly recommended with a wealth of knowledge and experience in SDDC operations. She's a professional of the highest caliber and we're fortunate to have her on the Kargo King team. Welcome aboard Pat and we look forward to your many contributions and accolades that are sure to come!

We also said farewell to SFC Bell and SSGs Colbert and Lewis as they PCS'd after a one-year tour of duty in the

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battalion. We appreciate their efforts and contributions during their tour and wish them the best of luck in all future endeavors.

As we look to the third quarter, we will lose a lot of personnel experience and welcome to the battalion a lot of fresh faces eagerly awaiting their chance to put their mark in the annals of Kargo King history. LTC Kramer, MAJ Draper, CPT Wolfe, SFC Sprague and Mr. McLendon will all be leaving the battalion for future assignments. As we leave and welcome our replacements to the battalion, we will rely heavily on all of our DAC, KN and remaining military personnel to welcome the new team, train them quickly and support them as they take and lead the battalion into the future!!

I appreciate everyone's efforts and focus on safety as we made it through another quarter accident and injury-free. We all know that our missions are inherently dangerous and your efforts to execute and promote safety day in and day out are the primary reason our workforce remains confident and able to safely and successfully accomplish the mission. Continue to be safety conscious in everything we do and I appreciate everyone's efforts in this arena. A loss or injury to any of our teammates is one loss or injury too many!

KARGO KINGS!

MAJ William T. Draper
Executive Officer,
837th Trans Bn

SERGEANT MAJOR'S CORNER

Greetings Kargo Kings, another busy quarter for the 837th has passed. I continue to be impressed with the work of the Soldiers, KATUSAs, DACs and KN employees of this great organization. Since our last Pier talk we have bid farewells to SFC Bell and SGT Moon. Both NCOs did an outstanding job during their tour here and I wish them much success as they move on to another chapter in their lives.

By the time this issue of Pier Talk hit the press SSG Lewis and SSG Colbert will also have departed. Both NCOs in their perspective sections will certainly be missed. I wish them much success as they move to their next assignment and thank them for a job well done!

I would like to take this time to welcome the arrival of SSG Holley and her family to the

837th Trans Bn. She will be replacing SSG Lewis as the NBC NCO and Training NCO. She has already been on a support mission and is currently working the details for our upcoming CHEMX as well as learning other functions of her duties and responsibilities. Once again I welcome her and her family and I know that she will keep the training office functioning as usual.

With the departure of SGT Moon as Senior KATUSA, I am pleased to announce the selection of SGT Hwang as the new Senior KATUSA. Although SGT Hwang will be leaving soon as well, he is very deserving of this prestigious position.

We continue to make strides in training. During this quarter we completed Phase II of Combative Training. The Soldiers and KATUSAs enjoyed

the physical aspects of the training and learned a lot different techniques to use if they were ever in a hand to hand fight with an enemy.

The battalion's personnel also participated in the quarterly battalion chemical exercise at Pier 8. The CHEMX was a combined and joint training event with units from the Korean Port Authority, Korean Army and Navy, US Military Sealift Command and 25th Trans Bn. This was a great exercise that focused on operating in a contaminated environment within the KTO. The classes were taught by a combination of NCOs, KATUSAs, KN, and DAC which made the classes very interesting as we saw different training techniques and styles being taught.

During the CHEMX I had



SGM Jacobs and SGM Park stop to pose for a photo during the joint CHEMX.

the opportunity to meet Sergeant Major Park of the ROK Navy 3rd Fleet. He was here to observe the training and performance of his troops. We walked around the training stations and shared ideas on various subjects. He was impressed at the level of training we were conducting. He commented on the number of civilians participating in the training and notice that the numbers outweigh that of the Soldiers.

We also had a few promotions and birthdays this quarter. Once again, my congratulations go out to all of those who celebrated a birthday, promotion or received an award during this period.

March has been a busy month with support mission, Freedom Banner, and RSOI with simultaneous operations in both Mokpo and Pohang. We also had the privilege of having a ROK Combined De-

contamination Exercise at Pier 8. This exercise gave them an opportunity to practice their skills at a real potential place of an attack. Everyone in the 837th has contributed immensely to all of the success we've had this quarter and my hat goes off to you, Kargo Kings.

SGM Willie L. Jacobs
Sergeant Major,
837th Trans Bn

**837th U.S. Army
Transportation Battalion
(Terminal)**

**"USFK's Power
Projection Platform."**

Terminal Cargo Operations

The Kargo Kings Operations Section continued to demonstrate their ability to effectively conduct efficient vessel operations. On 11 January 2006, we started downloading the M/W Green Dale and completed the discharge of 124 pieces of cargo, including break-bulk cargo, in only one hour and fifteen minutes. Another record for the Kargo Kings who didn't even have an import WPS manifest or ICODES Stow plan when the vessel arrived.



Military equipment is staged along side Pier 8 as it is discharge from the M/V Green Dale.

On 12 January 2006, the Kargo Kings Operations Section also participated in the annual Eighth United States Army Korean Service Corps Mobilization Exercise (MOBEX). The purpose of the MOBEX is to reinforce the overall mobilization operation

plans for the Korean Service Corps cadre members and to improve their transition-to-war skills, technical knowledge and proficiency required during wartime mobilization. Today's Korean Service Corps exists to bridge the gap between, on the ground U.S. capabilities and required end strength. During contingency operations, the KSC provides essential Combat Support and Combat Service Support capabilities to United States Forces Korea until U.S. reinforcement forces arrive.

Freedom Banner at Mokpo Seaport

The MPS vessel MAJ Stephen W. Pless arrived at the Port of Mokpo and began discharge operations on 7 Mar 06. 231 pieces were discharged with onward movement to Camp



Discharging operations from MPS vessel MAJ Stephen W. Pless.

Casey, Pohang and Yecheon for the FTX. Redeployment operations are scheduled for 5-15 Apr 06. CPT Wolfe, NCOs and KNs supported the operation and coordinating all port activities, LSA and onward movement issues with the Marines and 25th Trans Bn personnel on the ground.

The USN Amphibious Construction Battalion One executed the M1A1 moves from Mokpo Newport to Daebul wharf using a side loadable warping tug and 4 causeway sections without incident. The ROK Navy observed the operation as they are executing the redeployment via LCUs in April. ROK Navy provided robust waterside force protection and the USMC providing shore side force protection. The DDST did a great job meeting all III MEF requirements to include rail loading operations of 6 trains from Daebul Wharf. This is our 4th operation at Mokpo.

RSOI at Pohang Seaport ROK Navy Pier

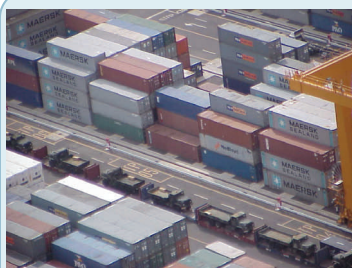
While one of our DDSTs was working vessel operations at the Port of Mokpo, another DDST deployed to Pohang to begin preparations for discharge operations of the Cape Denison carrying III MEF



With completion of another successful vessel operation at the Port of Mokpo, we continue to demonstrate "Proof of Concept" that Mokpo is a viable port for military operations.



"Members of the 835th and 837th Transportation Battalions Task Organized DDST prepare to discharge the Cape Denison at the ROK Navy Pier at Pohang in support of RSOI'06."



Military vehicles, booked under USC liner terms, are loaded on flat racks at Shinsondae Pier, Busan, Korea for subsequent loading on the APL Korea and on the APL Thailand.

equipment to Korea for RSOI operations. The vessel arrived Pohang on 7 Mar 06 and our DDST immediately conducted the ships meeting, prepared the staging areas, set-up the systems and commenced discharge operations on 8 Mar 06. Discharge operations were completed on 10 March 2006 and our DDST redeployed to Busan on 11 Mar 06 after another successful mission.

The Operations Section also continued to work diligently on numerous liner service vessel operations. The Noble Star, and APL Singapore both delivered RSOI exercise cargo to Busan which then had to be delivered to units throughout Korea. USC liner service operations don't always provide us with an opportunity to conduct hands-on vessel loading or discharging of military equipment, but much of the planning, customs clearance, inland disposition, call forwarding and Port Call Message traffic associated with these shipments continue to provide us with excellent opportunities to practice sound traffic management principles while arranging for movement of the cargo to and from commercial piers. Several MSC-K and DDD-K shipments of Army retrograde equipment also moved via liner service to CONUS this quarter.

On 7 March 2006, sixty two 900M Series vehicles were loaded on the APL Korea and another thirty three of these vehicles were loaded on the APL Thailand on 17 March 2006

On 16 March 2006, the APL Singapore (USC liner service) arrived at Shinsondae Pier, Busan, Korea and discharged 134 pieces of RSOI 06 cargo consigned for the Naval

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Coastal Warfare Group at Chinhae, ROK Navy Base, Korea. The cargo consisted of wheeled vehicles, trailers, general cargo and one container. Also discharged were three 40' (sensitive) containers with small arms and four 34' Rapid Inflatable Patrol Boats. Although this was a liner service move, we definitely got some hands-on operational opportunities getting the cargo to the customer.



837th Trans Bn Kargo Kings deliver RSOI 06 cargo to the Naval Coastal Warfare Group, Inshore Boat Units directly from Pier 8 to the unit's operational work site.

The Operations Section once again excelled on yet another unusual operational event. Four 34' Rapid Inflatable Patrol Boats, discharged from the APL Singapore on 16 March 06 could not be delivered by road to Chinhae ROK Navy Base due to height restrictions. The boats were part of RSOI 06 cargo consigned to the Naval Coastal Warfare Group, Inshore Boat Units (IBU) 11 and 17. In order to meet the needs of the unit, we agreed to take delivery of the boats here at Pier 8, "splash" them into the water and hand them off to the unit fully operational. The unit was very happy to hear we could do that and on March 21, 2006 they had their Boat Crews standing by for delivery of their boats so they could go underway and accomplish their RSOI mission. In less than 45 minutes all four boats were skillfully lifted by crane from their trailers staged

on Pier 8, lowered directly into the waters of the Busan Harbor and safely handed-off to the Naval Coastal Warfare Group, Inshore Boat Units 11 and 17. Redeployment, using the reverse method is scheduled for 30 March 2006.

LCDR Alexander, CO IBU 17 and Lcdr Harper, Operations Officer, IBU-11 indicated they were fascinated with how smooth and safe the entire operation was accomplished.

In spite of our continued OP-TEMPO during the past three months, the Kargo Kings Operations Section was also engaged in numerous 837th Transportation Battalion initiatives.

Mr. Rivera and members of the Operations Section hosted a ROK Army Officer OPD from the ROK Transportation School Officer Advance Course at Pier 8 on 25 Jan 06. The group of 22 ROK officers were led by Colonel So, Kyuchol, Chief Movement Control Team and by Major Yi, both from the ROK Transportation Officer School. The group received an unclassified orientation briefing and tour of the CSCC from Mr. Rivera and later received a virtual ICODES presentation conducted by Mr. O and Mr. Kwak. Lieutenant Colonel Yi, Kyu Hyong, a ROK TRANSCOM officer and Captain Pak, the Port Operations Group Company Commander from Chinhae also accompanied the ROK Army Advanced Transportation Officer Course Students.

The Kargo Kings Operations Section and other staff members also hosted a team from the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) who visited pier 8 on February 23, 2006. The team was tasked to conduct

an assessment of the policies, procedures and capabilities for shipping, receiving, distributing and tracking military arms, ammunition and explosives (AA&E). Their primary focus however, was to assess counterintelligence vulnerabilities within the Korean Theater of Operation (KTO) as they may relate to AA&E. During their visit with the 837th Transportation Battalion Mr. Rivera presented them with a Mission Brief and the SALS-K Briefing. The DIA Team also interviewed other Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) from Ops, CDS, and IM. Captain Pak, Operations Officer from the ROK Port Operations Group, Chinhae AMMO Port also participated in our discussions.

Preparation for the DIA visit and participation in almost a half day of discussions resulted in a very productive and educational experience for all of us. More importantly, the DIA team departed Pier 8 with a much better understanding of the Korean Theater's munitions distribution policies, and gained a much better understanding of what the battalion's primary role is in coordinating/de-conflicting vessel bookings, vessel discharge/load planning and preparation of stow plans, manifesting cargo associated with vessel loading, and coordinating port operations and the use of the Port of Chinhae with the ROK-POG.

As the 2nd quarter FY06 comes to an end, AMCOM directed Eighth Army to transfer one CH-47 helicopter from B 2-52 GSAB, Korea to XVIII Airborne Corps, C-159th Fort Bragg, NC

Planning, vessel booking and preparations for this operation commenced early on during this quarter. As a result of losses associated with the Global War on Terror, several units were in need of this equipment to effectively train and accomplish their mission. As a result, AMCOM directed Eighth Army to transfer one CH-47 helicopter from B 2-52 GSAB, Korea to XVIII Airborne Corps, C-159th Fort Bragg, NC. Operations were safely and successfully completed on 26 March 2006.

There is never a dull moment with the Kargo Kings. During operational mission breaks we continued to focus on Soldier/DAC Deployment Readiness, Safety and Security initiatives, NBC Training, and taking advantage of local BCS3, NoMADD, HAZMAT, WPS, EDDSK and other Mobile Training Team opportunities.



Loading a CH-47 Chinook helicopter on MV Dalian.

Mr. Gonzo Rivera
Chief, Terminal Operations

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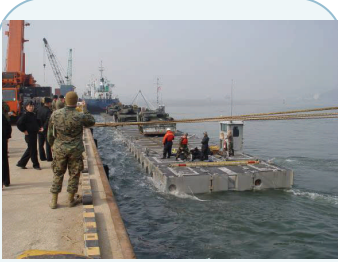
The battalion received the Maritime Preposition Ship (MPS) SS Pless for equipment discharge and facilitated the onward movement via rail and highway for RSO&I '06. Using the Daebul railhead was a "proof of concept" for the Port of III MEF and for the Korean Theater of Operation (KTO). The SS Pless then went to Pyongteak seaport to test ramp utilization during a 24 hour period but was unable to get into the port due to extremely harsh weather. CONOPS briefings were conducted on the vessel. That covered fuel discharge, KTO seaports and contingency operations. The vessel also sailed to the Port of Gwangyang and Chinhae. Mokpo was also used for the redeployment of all equipment.



By using Mokpo we were able to establish the following objectives:

- **Ammo Waivers:** conduct ammunition site surveys and request ammunition waivers at each of the seaports.
- **Security Test:**
 - Sea-side assets provided by the ROK Navy & Maritime Police
 - Shore-side security provided by the ROK Army and MOMAF
- **Commercial Cooperation:** get commercial ports and stevedores comfortable with visiting grey bottom vessels and supporting of military operations.
- **Rehearsal:** conduct CONOPS rehearsal for equipment, ammunition, fuel discharge operations and NBC Defense Plans
- **Discharge Analysis:** measure the useable RO/RO discharge time available during a 24 hour period at each port due to tidal variations.
- **Proof of Concept:** educate the theater on our ability to gain access and execute operations at other seaports in the KTO other than the "traditional" primary ports
- **Evaluate Requirements:** evaluate LSA, PSA, railhead and infrastructure requirements

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Lighterage was used off the SS Pless to move M1A1 tanks.

Turbo Cads 2007 CONOPS Rehearsal: by conducting the ammo surveys and waivers now, and getting the commercial ports comfortable with our CONOPS, it will make it much easier for the execution of our Turbo Cads 2007 CONOPS of using Chinhae, Gunsan and Pyongteak Seaports.

Battalion Training

Node Management Deployable Depot (NoMaDD) Training

The battalion continues to strive and move forward with transformation by converting one of its two Battle Command Sustainment Support Systems (BCS3) systems to Node Management Deployable Depot (NoMaDD).

Ms Green, DAC, attended the one week 'over-the-shoulder' NoMaDD Training held at Okinawa, Japan, 5-11 March 2006. Pat is spearheading the battalion's efforts to incorporate both systems into our daily operations at Pier 8 and throughout the KTO.

The NoMaDD Field Support Engineer, Mark Wiley, and C.W. Kim, BCS3 FSE-K, visited 837th to upload the software applications 20-22 March 2006. Five personnel (2-DACs and 3-Korean Nationals) observed the upload and received 'over-the-shoulder' training which proved to be very valuable. NoMaDD functionality is similar to BCS3 with a few enhancements, e.g. container management and the use of Spiders which is Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) fed that tracks classes of supplies (wholesale or retail).

Combined Decon Operations Exercise with ROKA

The 32nd Korean Services Company (KSC) and Republic of Korea-Army (ROKA) conducted a Combined Decontamination Exercise at Pier 8, 28-29 March 2006 to exercise their contingency support roles and missions.

This realistic training event afforded KCS and ROKA the opportunity to evaluate its capability on the following:

- _ Issue a Warning Order
- _ Reporting Procedures
- _ React to chemical/biological hazard/attack
- _ Protect self from chemical/biological contaminations
- _ Don M40 Protective Mask
- _ Implement Mission-Oriented Protective Posture (MOPP)
- _ Detect chemical agents using M8 or M9 Detector Paper
- _ Operate the Falcon III, Fixed Site Decon System

CPT Christopher R. Wolfe
OIC, Plans Office

Welcome to the "Kargo Kings"



Welcome aboard to Ms. Green

Greetings! I am the new Transportation Planning Specialist on board the ship of the Mighty, KARGO KINGS, 837th Transportation Battalion. My name is Patricia A. Green, hailing from the beautiful magnolia state of Mississippi. After serving 20 years as a Soldier, I retired as a First Sergeant and started my 'second' career as a Training Analyst with Computer Sciences Corporations (CSC) at Fort Eustis Transportation School, Newport News, Virginia.

I am not totally new to the organization once serving as the NCOIC, Traffic Management Division (TMD) from 1998 until 1999. I am glad to be back amongst outstanding and dedicated Soldiers and Civilians, both US and Koreans, and look forward to being part of the continued success of the Mighty KARGO KINGS!

Patricia A. Green
Trans Planning Specialist

Cargo Distribution Section

Another busy and eventful quarter for the battalion as CDS continues to provide outstanding support to the mission and units in the KTO. First order of business is that we are proud to announce that Mr. Yong Han was selected as the 599th Outstanding Civilian Employee (July – December 2006). His selection attests to the dedication and untiring contributions made by all of our KN employees.

In the training arena, CDS personnel received updated/enhanced training on BCS3. This will improve our ability to provide better customer service and accurately pinpoint and

verify cargo data.

Also, John Scott, Chief, CDS, attended the Installation Traffic Management Course at Ft. Eustis, 13-24 March 06, as part of the civilian IDP program.

In other personnel notes, several of our KN employees supported missions at Mokpo, Pohang, Pier 8 and Shinsundae Pier for RSOI deployment and redeployment. The workload from Jan to Mar 06 required the use of both USC Commercial Liner Service and MSC vessels to move unit cargo and meet their RDDs.

UNIT	PCS	WT	CUBE	L/T	M/T	SQFT
175TH FAO	7	34545	4416	110.42	15.42	741.08
2ND ID	1	96000	3942	98.55	42.86	463.76
532MI	1	44800	3704	92.6	20	286.72
B/2-52 GSAB, KOREA	1	28900	11520	288	12.9	609
DDD-K	69	6826612	201509	5037.79	3047.64	21444.19
DRMO BUPYONG	5	52700	2545	63.63	23.53	193.76
KUNSAN AB	4	72955	8508	212.7	32.58	918.47
OSAN AB	4	114235	13097	327.43	50.99	1112.84
USAMSC-K	208	3865104	369323	9233.78	1725.13	39704
Grand Total	13202	12878004	753770	18848.41	5748.72	66364.75

Mr. John Scott
Chief, Cargo Distribution



Mr. Han, Yong, who was selected as the 599th Outstanding Employee of the Semi Annual for 1 July 2005 through 31 December 2005, presents to receive a certificate of recognition for his 30 years service for U.S. government at the monthly awards ceremony.

Orienting New Civilian Employees

As new employees arrive in our organization, one of the most important responsibilities we have as supervisors is to make them feel welcome. Supervisors must conduct job site orientation in a sincere and timely manner.

Review with the new employee such topics as conduct and discipline and the organization's incentive awards program. This is also the best opportunity to review with the employee their position description and discuss the or-

ganization's mission and goals. Thoroughly go over the guidelines for reporting and documenting job-related injuries. Code of Ethics (general principles) and EEO should be discussed to ensure the employee understands both DA and MACOM policies. Performance review and appraisal procedures should be discussed in detail as many first-time DA civilians have little experience with this process. Additionally, don't forget to inform the employee of the training opportunities available for their career

group and provide them the name of their MACOM career program manager.

Explain policies and procedures. Does the employee know the work hours, understand the leave scheduling and approval process or the unit's overtime or compensatory time policy? If designated as an emergency essential civilian (EEC), are deployment requirements fully understood? DA civilians coming overseas must comply with some country-unique requirements they



Mr. McLendon explains EEC requirements with new employee, Ms. Pat Green

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would not ordinarily experience in CONUS. For example, ration controls may apply when shopping at the Post Exchange or Commissary, increased Anti-terrorism/Force Protection awareness or rights under the host country Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) may be applicable.

Brief your new employees on facilities and services available

on the installation or in the local area. Army Community Services (ACS) is a good source as they normally conducts newcomers orientations with representatives from activities across the installation providing valuable information. Schedule your employees (and spouses) to attend as soon as possible after arrival.

A good, well-rounded, job

orientation ensures your new employee is provided with the basic information about his or her new job, installation and local area that helps the employee become productive with the least amount of confusion.

Mr. Eddy D. McLendon
Admin Officer



Mr. Chang-wan Kim (left) joins in the unit Cmd & Spt Section's February B-day luncheon while conducting the BCS3 training.

INFORMATION MANAGEMENT OFFICE

Mr. Chang-Wan Kim visited Pier 8 and provided two sessions of Battle Command Sustainment and Support System (BCS3) user's training for the period of 14 through 17 February. Four employees from Material Support Center-Korea (MSC-K) at Busan Storage Facility along with ten Pier 8 employees attended for the training at this time. Mr. James Kim, IMO and MAJ Draper visited Camp Henry on 17 February to see the building 1115 for the survey prior to move. Conducted detail site survey with 36th Sig Bn, LAN/WAN team leader, Mr. Randall Heflin and 169th Signal Company Director Mr. Ivan Winner to obtain cost estimation of network node drops in the building.

Mr. Howard Andrus, 599 TG, Information Assurance Manager (IAM) visited Pier8 in 20 through 24 March to finalize both NIPR and SIPR Network Accreditation. On 22 Mar, Mr. Howard Andrus, IAM and Mr. James Kim BN IMO visited Mr. Kelley, 36th Sig Bn, IAM and the final Network Accreditation package submitted. Also, Howard and James performed a walk-in inspection of the bldg#1115 (Proposed 837 Trans Bn HQ building at Camp Henry) and found the existing SIPR and NIPR network drops in the building. Mr. Mark Wiley, Tapestry Solutions Co. Node Management & Deployable Depot (NoMaDD) system representative visited Pier 8 and provided a system briefing and

conducted system software installation on one of BCS3 laptop computer we have. Due to CP Hialeah closing, Mr. Jeffrey G. Law, Transmission Systems and Switching Branch, Regional Chief Information Office (RCIO) in Seoul visited Pier 8 and conducted site-survey to find a place to install their MWR communication equipment. Due to power shortage in Pier8, it requires power upgrade prior to the installation and RCIO initiated a work order to DPW for Power Upgrade in building 2650.

Mr. James Kim
Info Mgmt Officer



Mrs. Kim, Kyong-suk (sitting) and **Mr. Yi, Tae-kyu (standing)** working on with WPS-W at DPOG.

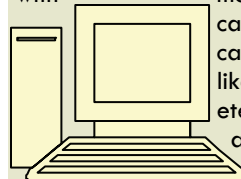
TRANSITION TO WPS-W COMPLETE

We successfully transitioned to the WPS-W system. Our WPS-W systems were recently deployed to Mokpo and Pohang in support of RSOI port operations. With a little coaxing, our WPS-W systems performed as advertised and completed the missions. The functional users involved in the WPS-W deserve a round of applause. They did a good job without the benefit of for-

mal training.

The mission was completed with WPS-W. However, there are still some challenges that need to be resolved. The main challenge to the functional user is the patience it takes to operate the system. During our deployments, it took 30 minutes to download terminal update data to a diskette, 7 minutes to print vessel papers,

and 10 minutes to produce a SITREP. In addition, it took 4 minutes to download data to a scanner. A delay of 4 minutes may not seem long but when you're trying to keep up with



moving cargo, it can seem like an eternity and it can delay

operations. The chargers, scanners and short battery life are a weak link in our vessel operations that we're working to fix.

We all pulled together and took a big step forward by transitioning to the WPS-W system. Our vessel operations will get faster, more reliable, and more integrated as we address the concerns with our scan-

ners, gain more experience, and continue training with WPS-W.

Ms. Lara H. Spoerner
WPS Administrator

Gyeong-ju, Ulsan Tour for Professional Development

On 5 January 2006, battalion personnel took a day to visit important Korean, cultural sites and conduct professional development tours of the Hyundai Shipbuilding Company and SK Fuel Refinery. Gyeong-Ju is a beautiful city, rich in history and is located west in GyeongSang Buk Province. This was the capital city of Sinra dynasty. Sinra founded its dynasty in B.C 57, and was first to unite the Korean peninsula. Buluk temple and Sokguram Grotto embraces the spirit of the Sinra people. Sinra Dynasty developed Buddhism from China and they made it the national Religion. Buluk temple is the biggest temple in Korea. There are Sukka and Dabo pagodas; we can see the Dabo pagoda in a Korean coin as a relief. In Sukguram Grotto, there's the Sculpture of Budda, which is known as the masterpiece of Korean art.

After Gyeong-Ju, we'd visited Hyudai Mipo Dockyard. Hyundai Mipo Dockyard has become the world's leading medium-sized shipbuilder, all in a short space of time by successfully combining its unique flexibility, perfectionism and accumulated know-how gained from 30-year-long experience over 10,000 ships.

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We then took a tour of SK chemical company. In 1972, SK Corporation built the first naphtha-cracking plant in the nation and helped lay the cornerstone for the nation's petrochemical industry. Since then, they have been a pioneer in the domestic petrochemicals industry, supplying materials required by virtually all industrial sectors ranging from state-of-the-art materials for cars, electronic or communication goods to paints, ballpoint pens, contact lenses, cosmetics and detergents.

Bulkuk temple, Sokguram Grotto, Hyundai Dockyard and SK chemical company show Korean history... past and present. This tour was a good opportunity to build positive American and Korean relationships by visiting some of the significant places which highlights our nation.



Sukguram Grotto



The good weather, hiking, and fresh air made us all happy. I felt relaxed and happy to spend time with my battalion family learning about Korean history.

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View of Hyundai Heavy Industrial Company's Mipo shipbuilding Dockyard.



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